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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE
ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

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1. EMBOFF CALLED TODAY (SEPTEMBER 20) ON GOM OFFICIAL (SANCHEZ GAVITO, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ADVISOR, FONOFF), TO DISCUSS POINTS RAISED REFTEL.
 2. SANCHEZ GAVITO EXPRESSED GENERAL FAMILIARITY PANAMA CONFERENCE, AND WAS IMPRESSED BY US VIEW THAT IT WAS IMPRACTICAL TO EXPECT THAT EIGHT CONVENTIONS COULD BE GIVEN ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION, MUCH LESS APPROVAL, DURING COURSE CONFERENCE.
 3. HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT SURE THAT THREE ITEMS LISTED REFTEL (INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION, PROCEDURES FOR LETTERS REQUISITORIAL AND LETTERS ROGATORY, AND LEGAL SYSTEM FOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY TO BE USED ABROAD) WERE NECESSARILY MEXICO'S HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS. HE NOTED THAT, WHILE AGREEING ON THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF FULL CONSIDERATION OF EIGHT CONVENTIONS, MEXICO WOULD HAVE TO
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GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT TO JUST WHICH ITEMS SHOULD BE CON-

SIDERED AT PANAMA CONFERENCE.

4. HE ALSO RAISED INFORMALLY IDEA THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE THIRTY CONFERENCE SESSIONS BE DEVOTED TO INFORMAL CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OPERATIONS OF TRANSNATIONAL (MULTINATIONAL) CORPORATIONS. THIS WOULD NOT BE WITH THE THOUGHT OF ANY SPECIFIC CONVENTION OR DECLARATION, BUT WOULD SIMPLY BE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW EXPERTS TO HAVE INPUT CURRENT DIALOGUE ON THIS SUBJECT NOW UNDERWAY WITHIN OAS AND UN FORA (E.G. RECENT WASHINGTON MEETINGS ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MNC, AND UN CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES).

5. IN ANY CASE, SANCHEZ GAVITO WILL BE DISCUSSING POINTS RAISED REFTEL WITH APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND ASSURED EMBOFF THAT HE WILL HAVE MORE SPECIFIC COMMENTS SOON. HE ALSO PLANS INSTRUCT MEXDEL OAS TO DISCUSS POINTS WITH US DEL AND WITH LA COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON. JOVA

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